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SUBJECT: OPEC OIL PRICE DECISION

1. AMBASSADOR BURELLI VISITED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS AT THE DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 25 TO DELIVER PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ' REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER.

2. DURING AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, BURELLI SAID:
A) RECENT U.S. GOVERNMENT DECLARATIONS REGARDING A POSSIBLE NEW PRICE INCREASE BY OPEC HAVE BEEN VIEWED AS PRESSURE BY THE OPEC NATIONS AND THIS PRESSURE MAY WELL RESULT IN A DECISION TO RAISE PRICES IN OCTOBER RATHER THAN TO CONTINUE THE PRICE FREEZE UNTIL JANUARY; B) HE HOPED THAT THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY TO LATIN AMERICA IN THE NEAR FUTURE; AND C) THERE WAS A WIDE-SPREAD FEELING OF CONFIDENCE IN PETROVEN BECAUSE OF THE QUALITY OF THE PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED.

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3. BURELLI MADE A POINT OF SAYING THAT AMBASSADOR

SHLAUDEMANN WAS CONTINUING TO BROADEN HIS CONTACTS (MOST
RECENTLY WITH THE CARDINAL AND LABOR LEADERS) AND THAT
HE WAS MAKING AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON EVERYONE. KISSINGER

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